changes in Andhra Pradesh during 1987; and

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and their locations and the amount earmarked for that?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. However one such exchange is likely to be introduced during 1988 and another in 1990.

(b) Indigenous Computerised equipment at an approximate cost of Rs. 68.44 lakhs is proposed to be installed at Vijaywada during 1988. An imported Digital TRANSIT Switch at Hyderbad is proposed to be installed in 1990. The cost of the imported switch is not known at present. However Budgetary provision is for Rs. one and half crores.

Non-Payment of full salary to the teachers of Baijnath Senior Secondry School New Delhi

1689. SHRI ROSHAN LAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the Members of Parliament regarding the non-payment of 5 per cent salary to the teachers of Baijnath Senior Secondary School, Ishwari Nargar, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that some of the teachers were declared surplus in that school and were adjusted in different schools aided by Delhi Administration with the instruction that they will draw their pay from their parent school;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take steps for arranging the 100 per cent salary from that very school where they have been adjusted/transferred;

(d) what is the number of teachers, subject-wise and since when they are not getting their balance of 5 per cent salary either from the parent school or from the schools where they are teaching at present; and

(e) by when the teachers are likely to get their additional 5 per cent salary as well as the previous arrears of the balance salary?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) to (e) one teacher who is P.G.T. (Commerce) was adjusted in Marwari Senior Secondary School, Nai Sarak, Delhi in January, 1982 and another teacher who is P.G.T. (Economics) was adjusted in D.A.V. School, Jangpura, New Delhi in February, 1979. They are not being paid 5 per cent of the share of the Management of these schools. As per provisions of sub-rule (1) of Rule 47 of the Delhi School Education Rules, 1973, surplus teachers on absorption can get 100 per cent salary from the school where they have been adjusted. As soon as the consent of the concerned Managemet is received, they will be absorbed and will get 100 per cent salary.

Improvement in STD

1690. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently prepared a comprehensive Plan of action to improve the subscribers' trunk dialling (STD) service in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICA-

TIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. A comprehensive plan of action has been prepared to improve the subscribers trunk dialling (STD) services in the country.

(b) Details of the action plan are as given below:

(i) Replacement of old worn-out electromechanical exchanges.

(ii) Gas pressurisation and ducting of junction cables.

(iii) Induction of efficient transmission systems *viz.* Pulse Code Modulation, Optic Fibre and Digital Microwave in the junction and trunk transmission network.

(iv) Induction of Digital Trunk Automatic Exchanges and replacement of electromechanical Penta Conta Trunk Automatic Exchanges.

(v) Introduction of regulating equipments for improved performance of long distance transmission network and replacement of fault-prone existing analog equipments.

(vi) Induction of electronic maintenance aids and network surveillance and management systems.

Short duty staff of P&T Department

1691. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of short duty staff employed by the Post and Telegraph department throughout the country, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that short duty staff are not posted at the nearest station of their home towns; and if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether these short duty staff [illegible] for regularisation;

(d) if so, what are the terms and conditions for their regularisation;

(e) whether it is also a fact that short duty staff are performing perennial type of jobs;

(f) what are the amount of wages and allowances paid to these short duty staff;

(g) whether the short duty staff are entitled to benefits like leave, medical facilities, quarters etc; and

(h) whether short duty staff exist in the category of Class I & II posts also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV):

POSTAL

(a) The total number of Reserve Trained pool candidates in Postal and RMS Wings was 9,118 as on 31-12-1986. Circle-wise information is given in the statement-I enclosed. (*See* below)

TELECOM

(a) The Staff engaged on short duty are drawn from "Reserve Trained Pool" and they are called RTP staff. The total number of RTP staff in the Department of Telecom is around 12,000. The statewise breaking is given in the enclosed statement-II. (*See* below)

POSTAL

(b) The RTP candidates are normally utilised near their home towns.

TELECOM

(b) The RTP staff are recruited in each Telecom. District/Division comprising one or two towns. The cadre being Divisional cadre they are to be posted at any place within the Division.